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The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 2nd quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/02/10 12pm : 30

Springfield Police are investigating an incident on Worthington Street overnight. Springfield Police Capt. Eugene Dexheimer told 22News a man was found outside near Stearns Square with serious injuries. Police are trying to determine how he was hurt.

News 04/02/10 6pm : 30

A Belchertown Middle School student was assaulted on school grounds yesterday afternoon. Belchertown Police Lt. Jim Jackson told 22News a girl from Amherst drove up to Jabish Middle School around 2:30 yesterday and beat up the student as she was leaving school. Both girls are under 16. The Belchertown student suffered minor injuries. Lt. Jackson says he expects charges will be filed.

News 04/03/10 6am : 30

A homicide investigation is underway in Hampshire County after a woman's body was found on Monday. The district attorney is trying to figure out who killed a Granby woman in her home on Barton Road Monday. Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel told 22News the woman who was found dead in her home was a paramedic for American Medical Response. The death of 37-year-old Annamaria Rintala has been ruled a homicide after autopsy results revealed she'd been strangled. So far no arrests have been made.

News 04/04/10 5pm : 30

A late morning shooting on lower Belmont Avenue in Springfield sent two people to the hospital. Springfield Police Captain Joseph Parylak told 22News that one suspect is under arrest, but police have not yet recovered a weapon. Police did not identify that suspect. Both victims are expected to recover.

News 04/06/10 11pm : 30

The FBI is investigating "an active crime scene" at 160 Springfield Street in Agawam where FBI spokesman Mark Karangekis told 22news, an investigation is underway. A state police detective and lieutenant said the area is an active crime scene and they will be there around the clock for the next few days. They also said a marked cruiser would block the end of the driveway while the investigation is underway. The FBI would not confirm what they're looking for.

News **04/07/10** **11pm** **: 30**

There has been a disturbing alleged hate crime out of Springfield. According to Attorney General Martha Coakley three young black Springfield girls were walking home in January when they were viciously attacked by Robert and Amy Martin of Springfield. A complaint filed in Hampden County superior court last week alleges the couple yelled racial slurs at the girls, threatened to let their Rottweiler loose on them, beat two of them with a log, and pinned one against a tree.

News **04/07/10** **5pm** **: 30**

If you haven't completed your U.S. Census forms yet. There is a chance another one could be on the way. The U.S. Census Bureau began mailing approximately 40,000,000 second census forms. The move is expected to reduce the estimated \$2.7, 000,000,000 cost of following up with households that fail to mail back their 2010 Census questionnaires.

News **04/09/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield police break up an alleged heroin distribution ring. Sgt. John Delaney said that they found more than 130 bags of heroin during a raid at 66 Shattuck Street. Robert and Lillian Alvarado were arrested. They face numerous drug charges. Sgt. Delaney said the heroin was allegedly being distributed from their home to be sold in other areas of the city.

News **04/09/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A police chase ended with a crash and the arrest of a carjacking suspect in Springfield last night. Springfield Police Sgt John Delaney told 22news that last night officers spotted a car that had been stolen in a carjacking this week. Police followed the car and the driver sped up, and then crashed into a fire hydrant at the corner of Main Street and Wilcox Street. Police arrested Raphael Gonzalez of Holyoke, and charged him with stealing a car, resisting arrest, and assault and battery.

News **04/09/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Police raided 18 Juliet Street in Springfield last night. Sgt. John Delaney told 22news that officers found 48 bags of heroin, drug packaging material, and more than three thousand dollars in cash in the home. They also found 162 rounds of ammunition. Policed arrested several people. Toni Galvin and Edwin Pagan were charged with gun possession and drug distribution. Mary Weaver of West Springfield and Brenda Palmer of Agawam were charged with drug possession.

News **04/10/10** **7am** **: 30**

It was yet another violent night in Springfield as shots rang out early this morning sending two to the hospital. Lt. Norman Charest with the Springfield Police Department told 22News both those men are at Baystate Medical Center. One had non-life threatening injuries, but the

other is in serious condition. It happened near Leete and Longhill Streets close to 3:30 am. Police say it most likely happened at a party. The two, described as "young adults" were shot outside.

News **04/10/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The push is on to get people counted. Nearly 65% of households have mailed back their census forms. The census tour stopped on Holyoke today. Residents went to the Merry-go-round in Holyoke to fill out their forms. Many people agree it's important to be counted so government funding can be distributed evenly.

News **04/12/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Residents in western Massachusetts know this terror all too well. Fire officials in Everett are searching for a serial arsonist on the run. Eight fires were set during a 45 minute period overnight. No one was hurt, but fire damaged a home and porches. Back in December Northampton was hit by an alleged arsonist who killed two and caused thousands of dollars in damage to homes and cars.

News **04/13/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A 16 year old is expected to be OK after being shot three times tonight in Springfield's South End. Springfield Police Lieutenant Robert Strempek told 22News it happened just before 6 o'clock. The teen was shot in the arm and right hip at the corner of Dwight Street Extension and Adams Street. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center.

News **04/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A man who was brutally beaten outside a downtown Springfield bar has died. And now one of the bouncers from that bar is being charged with his murder. According to Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney, Lucas Allen a bouncer at the Fat Cat Bar allegedly hit 25 year old Francis Fasanelli in the head Friday night. The alleged blow was so hard it caused critical injuries. He died last night after he was taken off life support. Police reviewed surveillance video from the bar. It's unclear if Allen was working at the time of the assault. This is the city's sixth murder of 2010.

News **04/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Four people have been arrested for allegedly passing counterfeit bills at several Southwick businesses. Southwick Police Sgt. Kevin Bishop said two men and two women used fake \$100 bills to buy small items then pocketed the real change. They allegedly hit at least 7 businesses. The suspects are from New Jersey and New York. Police caught up with them in Westfield after a tip from a business owner. They face several charges.

News **04/14/10** **6am** **: 30**

A man is recovering in the hospital after an early morning shooting in Springfield. It happened just after 3 am at 9 Orchard Street. Sgt. Sean Arpin told 22news the man was shot in the arm and left hip. He was taken to the hospital but is expected to be OK.

News **04/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Nine alleged drug dealers are under arrest after a pair of police raids. Springfield Police Sgt. Delaney said drug dealers had turned 55 through 57 Clifton Avenue into quote "one stop shopping for both heroin and cocaine." Three more were arrested during a raid at 253 Mill Street last night.

News **04/16/10** **11pm** **: 30**

If you've already filed your taxes and owed Uncle Sam, but didn't have the money to pay not all hope is lost. Ray Magero of Liberty Tax Service says it's best to begin communicating with the IRS as soon as you receive that first notice in the mail in about 30 days. Keeping an open line of communication with Uncle Sam is key.

News **04/18/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A 40 year old mother is behind bars after her 11 month old baby tested positive for cocaine. The Peabody boy was found in the back seat of a Jeep holding a spoon with residue of the drug. Deborah Annese was arrested Thursday morning in Salem. Police also said she was found snorting coke she smuggled into lockup on Friday. She's being held on \$50,000 dollars bond.

News **04/18/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The mysterious driver of a dark sedan that ran down a bicycle rider in Amherst last night has good reason to look over his or her shoulder. Amherst police are doing everything they can to find that driver and they're hoping someone who might have seen something in the Main and Gray streets area shortly after ten o'clock last night can help. The victim, 22 year old Matthew Oliveria was badly hurt and was taken to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. The UMASS student is listed in "fair condition" tonight. The Amherst police can use all the help you can give them. If you saw anything or know anything, please call Amherst police at 413-259-3015

News **04/19/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A robber in Connecticut tried to hold up a liquor store this weekend, but he didn't realize what he was up against and the whole thing was caught on tape. It's got all the makings of a Law & Order episode. All of a sudden a guy comes in through the front door and he fires a shot, just missing the long-time liquor store owner Dilip Keshwala. The suspect steals cash, but doesn't leave. The unlikely hero, a 70 year old neighbor who admits he can't hear that well. But Richard Riley heard the shot and he moved. Fight he did, in the scuffle the intruder fired a second bullet. Then Riley says he gave his long time friend a pretty clear order to beat the

guy with a bat. Both father and son say they're eternally grateful for their hometown hero. A hero who says he's not letting a little hearing loss stop him.

News **04/19/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Today was the deadline to turn in those census forms. Starting May 1st, census workers will be dispatched to the homes of people who did not return their census questionnaire.

News **04/20/10** **5am** **: 30**

Springfield Police are on the lookout for four men who tried to rob a cab driver with a gun. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News the driver picked up four Hispanic men on Armory Street and dropped them off on Gilbert Avenue around 11:30 last night. The men then demanded money and the driver was hit in the head before all four men ran away. No word on whether or not they made off with any money.

News **04/21/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Students at Western New England College are on heightened alert after an attempted abduction near the campus last night. WNEC Police Chief Adam Woodrow told 22News that the female victim is a junior student at the college. She was running on Breckwood Boulevard, about one mile from campus, when a car with two men inside stopped her. According to Woodrow the passenger tried to pull her inside the car, but she managed to get away. A campus-wide alert was sent to students through text and email, news that put some students on edge.

News **04/22/10** **12pm** **: 30**

A police officer in Springfield has been released from the hospital after being hit by a car this morning, and it's not the first time something like this has happened to him in the line of duty. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News police approached a suspicious vehicle on Belmont Avenue shortly before 7AM and as the officers got closer the driver of the car gunned the engine and struck Officer Darrin Fitzpatrick with such force that the officer was sent over the hood and to the ground. He was taken to the hospital with injuries to his right side he has been treated and released. Springfield Police are looking for this suspect 25 year old Joel Jimenez of 140 Belmont Avenue and of 11 Bristol Street, Springfield. Sgt. Delaney says Jimenez has several outstanding warrants on him already including one for Armed Burglary. Now add Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, and Driving with a Suspended License stemming from the assault on Officer Fitzpatrick this morning. Sgt. Delaney says police are looking for a 1997 Red Nissan Altima with a Mass license plate number 621-BZ8.

News **04/23/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police are investigating a shooting in the city's Indian Orchard section.

Springfield Police Captain C- Lee Bennett told 22News there were reports of five shots fired at Worcester and Pinevale streets at about 7:45 tonight. She said the unidentified man is at Baystate Medical Center, where he's being operated on for possible multiple gunshot wounds to his abdomen. No identification, no word on his condition, and no arrests so far.

News **04/23/10** **5pm** **: 30**

New information tonight on six fires intentionally set in a Springfield neighborhood Wednesday night. Arson investigators in Springfield are following solid leads in connection with those suspicious fires set in the Liberty Heights section of the city. So far no arrests have been made. Springfield Fire department spokesperson Dennis Leger told 22news investigators have determined that no accelerants were used to start the fires. Wednesday night into Thursday morning six different structures in the Liberty Heights section of the city were torched by an arsonist. Many of the homes were vacant except for one garage on Newbury Street where fire claimed a former city firefighter's car. Leger also says the city has restored 24 hour a day staffing to the Arson and Bomb Squad. This afternoon Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno tried to reassure residents that the city is doing everything it can.

News **05/04/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield police say they've broken up what they're calling "a huge heroin distribution ring." In a news release sent to 22News, Sgt. John Delaney said police raided two homes at 23 and 39 Wilbraham Avenue this morning. Police seized 556 bags of heroin, packaging materials and a few hundred dollars in cash. Police also recovered nearly 17-hundred dollars in counterfeit bills and the equipment to make them. Delany said the suspects were planning to bring large amounts of heroin to Springfield from New York City.

News **05/04/10** **7am** **: 30**

Customers and workers at a West Springfield Dunkin Donuts got quite the jolt when a masked man held up the shop at gunpoint. Police were called to 44 Park Street around 8:30 last night. Sergeant Daniel O'Brien told 22News a man wearing jeans, a red backpack, a blue sweatshirt and a ski mask pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded cash. No one was hurt.

News **05/07/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A Chicopee man is under arrest for allegedly setting fires in South Hadley and Chicopee. 32 year old Kamran Ehsan is charged with setting two fires at the Hadley Mart on Memorial Drive on April 29th, and a small fire at a home in Chicopee. That's according to State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan. Ehsan is charged with two counts of burning a building. More charges may follow.

News **05/07/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Greenfield and Easthampton Police are comparing notes trying to catch a woman suspected of armed robberies in both communities today. Greenfield Police Lt Joseph Burge told 22News the woman in the surveillance photos robbed Solar Express, a combination Tanning Salon/ Laundromat. It happened just before 6:30 tonight. Lt. Burge said she indicated she had a gun, grabbed some cash, and ran out. Easthampton police Sergeant Bill Kelly told 22News a woman wearing similar clothes robbed the Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters about four hours earlier using the same method. No one was hurt.

News **05/08/10** **6am** **: 30**

It's been a problem in Springfield for years and as the weather warms up, police are finding the street racers are back at it again. Springfield police Lt. Kevin Wood told 22News police had to break up a race overnight on Industry Avenue. Wood says there were tons of cars there and people betting on those races. When police broke up the party of course everyone ran and scattered in all directions, but they were able to arrest one of the drivers. More arrests could be coming. Wood says three cars were towed because they were found to have stolen engines.

News **05/09/10** **7am** **: 30**

Charges have been filed against a 15 year-old who shot a friend in the arm while playing with a loaded gun. Springfield Police Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22News police found the victim who's also 15 years old at 115 Navajo Road around 7 o'clock last night. The teenager was taken to Baystate Medical Center. The alleged shooter's name isn't being released but is being charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. It's not yet clear who owns the gun.

News **05/11/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Springfield where police are looking for whoever shot a man in the city's South End, a little after 8PM in Johnny Appleseed Park. Springfield Police Captain C. Lee Bennett told 22News "the 'shot-spotter' indicated four shots fired near 2 Orange Street." Captain Bennett said the victim was shot at least two times in his legs and buttocks. No word on his identity or condition at Baystate Medical Center.

News **05/11/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Police are looking for a robbery suspect who held a knife to the throat of a female gas station clerk in Westfield. It happened around 4:20AM at the Pride Station on East Main Street. According to Lt. Hipolito Nunez the suspect was buying cigarettes when he pulled out the knife. He allegedly ordered the clerk to open the register, then grabbed some cash and cigarettes and ran off. The clerk was not injured. Anyone who has any information should contact the Westfield police department at 413-562-5411.

News **05/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Belchertown Police chased down and arrested a man who allegedly threatened to kill a building inspector. Curtis Carroll is accused of telling the building inspector he was going to get a gun and shoot everyone involved with a landscaping project near his home on Wednesday according to a news release from Belchertown Police. Carroll allegedly also made threats at the Valley Dentist office, threatening a dentist and all customers. The office had to be evacuated. When State Police surrounded his home, Carroll tried to escape by leaving out the back on his motorcycle. He drove over the lawn of a church and the post office before he was stopped by police and ordered off his bike at gun point. Carroll was arrested and charged with threatening to commit a crime (murder) and assault with a dangerous weapon.

News **05/13/10** **5pm** **: 30**

State fire investigators say a Greenfield fire was set on purpose. Jennifer Mieth, spokesperson for the state department of fire services says that Tuesday night's fire was intentionally set. Authorities closed off access to the home with tape once the fire was determined to be arson. The fire at 112 Deerfield Street, Route 10 in Greenfield was at an abandoned house. But that detail has some neighbors concerned. They say they feel less safe, knowing the fire was intentional.

News **05/14/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Holyoke and State Police are searching for a bank robber. Holyoke Police Sgt. Isaiah Cruz told 22news the robbery happened a few minutes before 2:00 pm at the United Cooperative Bank Branch on Northampton Street. Sgt. Cruz said a Massachusetts State Police helicopter's searching from the skies, and police dogs are sniffing for the suspect on the ground. No one was hurt. Anyone with information about the suspect should contact the Holyoke Criminal Investigations bureau at 413 322-6940

News **05/16/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A 21-year old Springfield man out for a walk early this morning found himself looking down the barrel of a semi-automatic handgun. Springfield police captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News, a tan colored station wagon pulled up alongside the man about three o'clock this morning at Breckwood Boulevard and Breckwood Circle. The victim told officers that a man with braids stepped out of the station wagon and stole everything of value he carried or was wearing.

News **05/16/10** **6pm** **: 30**

22News follows an incident of bizarre violence on a Springfield street corner today involving two men armed with a knife and a machete, respectively. Springfield Police Captain C. Lee Bennett confirmed the two men wounded each other during the fight at the intersection of State and Montrose Streets. Both needed to be treated at Baystate medical center.

News **05/17/10** **5pm** **: 30**

We are following breaking news out of Chicopee where an infant has been placed in the state's custody after a man attempted to sell the baby girl in exchange for beer. It happened at the pride station on Burnett Road in Chicopee just before 1 o'clock this afternoon. Chicopee police Sgt. Christopher Lareau told 22news, 24 year old Matthew Brace allegedly offered the three month old girl to a maintenance man working outside in exchange for two 40 ounce beers. The infant's mother, 31-year-old Wendy Arsenault, was inside the pride store at the time and is not involved in the crime. Neither Brace, nor the infant's mother was arrested. Brace will be summoned to court for reckless endangerment of a child.

News **05/20/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Holyoke police say they've made a major drug bust near the Morgan Elementary School. Chief Scott said a search of 181 Clemente Street uncovered 97 bags of heroin, 23 bags of cocaine, marijuana and drug packaging material. Police arrested 23-year old Elvin DeJesus and 42-year old Gladys Franco.

News **05/20/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A shooting in Springfield leaves a woman injured. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Moynihan told 22News, the shooting happened on Franklin Street this afternoon. The woman was shot in the back. Lt. Moynihan said the woman was taken to Baystate Medical Center.

News **05/22/10** **6am** **: 30**

It was another violent night in Springfield. A man is in custody after sending police on a wild goose chase and another is in the hospital recovering from stab wounds. Springfield police say the two men involved here both live at 42 Forest Street, one on the first floor, one on the second. One of those residents is here recovering after being stabbed 4 or 5 times in his underarm with a knife about seven inches long. 22News cameras were rolling when police got the guy they think is responsible. Springfield Police Sgt. Jeff Martucci told 22News, 30-year-old Jose Natal was caught after he broke into 50 Riverview Street and barricaded himself there to try and get away from police. He also had injuries when police nabbed him but that was from fighting with his stab victim. He was treated and released from the hospital and is now facing a slew of charges including attempted murder.

News **05/22/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Ludlow police need your help this morning to find a hit-and-run driver who struck someone riding a bicycle. Ludlow Police Officer Derek DeBarge told 22News the cyclist was hit at the intersection of East and Prospect Streets just before 10:00 Friday night. The 17-year-old victim was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. DeBarge says police are looking for a blue, early 90's model Chevy Blazer type SUV with front end damage and possibly a head light out.

News **05/24/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A fight in Springfield where both the victim and suspect ended up at the hospital, at 7:30 tonight, this house was surrounded by police, investigating a stabbing. Police confirmed that the victim was seriously wounded and underwent surgery tonight. Police had to chase down the suspect and eventually arrested him at Riverview Street. A forensics truck was also seen at 42 Forest Street, where the stabbing happened. A neighbor told 22News he saw the victim get stabbed twice.

News **05/24/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A shocking crime out of Easthampton tonight where police say a man tried to kill his mother, by setting her on fire. Detective Robert Alberti told 22News when cops went to the home on Park Street they found Gary Cernak's elderly mother with burns on her body. The 56 year old is behind bars and will be charged with attempted murder and arson. The suspect also allegedly tried to burn the house. Dorothy Cernak is listed in "good" condition in the hospital tonight.

News **05/25/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Agawam Police raided a Chinese massage parlor that was allegedly a front for a place of prostitution. Agawam Police Lt. Richard Light told 22News, this storefront housed a business that was allegedly unlicensed, prostitution related, and where one could obtain illicit sex for a fee. The alleged owner, 42-year-old Tong Wang was arrested at her West Springfield apartment and charged with allowing this place to be used for prostitution. People connected with the many stores along Walnut Street extension told 22News they're shocked. As for the raid that put the Asian foot massage parlor out of business. Agawam Police Lt. Richard Light told 22News, officers had a search warrant based on three months of investigation. Almost as soon as the place opened three months ago, police started getting reports. Among the things that were confiscated included lotions, towels and tables. In recent years similar raids shut down Chinese massage parlors in Springfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Hadley, Chicopee and West Springfield. All allegedly fronts for prostitution.

News **05/26/10** **12pm** **: 30**

New at noon, one man was stabbed; another is in custody in Holyoke. Holyoke Police Lt. Michael Higgins told 22News that a man has serious injuries from a stabbing at 188 Oak Street around 11:00 am. According to Lt. Higgins a man was taken into custody in connection with the stabbing. No details yet as to the motive for the stabbing.

News **05/26/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A teenager is under arrest for allegedly selling marijuana out of his backpack at Central High School. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, officers from the Student Support Unit not only found marijuana but also a 22 caliber pistol in 18 year old Brandon Washington's bag. He was arrested at the school and faces several firearms and drug related charges.

News **05/26/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police have arrested a man for child rape. According to Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney the 15 year-old victim was at a friend's house when 23 year old Freddi Garcia forced her into a bedroom and sexually assaulted her. The victim's mother brought her to the Baystate Medical Center for treatment. Within an hour, police arrested Garcia.

News **05/27/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield police have taken almost four and a half pounds of pure cocaine off the street. Springfield police Sgt. John Delaney told 22news 44 year old Maria Macelana Rivera has been charged with trafficking more than 200 grams of cocaine. Sgt. Delaney said the coke was being shipped from Puerto Rico to Rivera's Florida Street apartment. Narcotics officers raided the apartment after a delivery of two kilos. If convicted, Rivera faces a mandatory 15 years in prison.

News **05/27/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Sergeant John Delaney told 22News that a man, who was going into the "Kick Back Lounge" at the corner of State and Margerie Street, was robbed at gunpoint. This happened last Friday in the early morning hours. The man was robbed of his wallet and cash. There were two robbers the other person was not caught on camera. This suspect is also wanted for questioning in a similar robbery this past Sunday at Mattie's Cafe on Boston Road. If you have any information on the suspect's identity, call the Springfield Police Department Detective Bureau at 787-6355 or you can "Text-a-Tip."

News **05/29/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A late night party reportedly got out of hand overnight on Continental Street in the Forest park section of Springfield. And before police restored order at 27 Continental Street, three people were arrested, one of them for assaulting police Officer Kimberly Brantley. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Moynihan told 22News, officers had to use mace on some of the partiers. 34-year-old Marisol Colon of 52 Hamburg Street was charged with assaulting a police officer.

News **05/30/10** **7am** **: 30**

Police are searching for suspects after a man was shot inside his car. Lt. John Slepchuk with the Springfield Police told 22NEWS that the man was sitting in his car near the corner of State and Austin Street, when he was shot from behind, in the back. Lt. Slepchuk told 22News that man is in serious condition at Baystate Medical center. Police say it happened at around 12:30 this morning. The man was sitting in his vehicle, not moving when he was shot. Police say the car then rolled forward hitting a fire hydrant. Lt. Slepchuk called the investigation an "active scene." That they were still searching the area for answers.

News **05/31/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Tonight in Forest Park a drug deal nearly turned deadly. Lt. Robert Strzempek told 22News the exchange went bad when one man took out a bat and threatened another man who in turn took out a gun and started firing. He managed to get 45 rounds off on Alberta Street but no one was ever hit. Instead, both men are behind bars tonight.

News **05/31/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A kidnapping suspect from Connecticut was on the run from Massachusetts State Police today. The chase went all the way into New York State. Massachusetts State Police Sergeant Alan Joubert told 22News the pursuit started on Hampden Street in Holyoke when officers noticed a 1999 Toyota Rav 4 they'd been told to watch for. The driver, Eric Stiggle Junior was wanted for armed assault and kidnapping out of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Stiggle refused to stop for police, getting on I- 91 and then the Mass Pike. Stiggle eventually made it to New York State, driving on rims, after police used stop sticks to blow out his tires. Police found Stiggle's estranged wife in the car. She had suffered wounds, and was taken to the hospital.

News **06/01/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Police believe one man may be responsible for two separate gas station robberies this morning. Wilbraham police officer Shawn Baldwin told 22News, a man wearing a ski mask pointed a gun at the manager of the Mobil station on Boston road at 4 o'clock this morning. About one hour later a man described as wearing dark clothes tried to rob the Sunoco station on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield. Detective Jay McGary told 22News, West Springfield and Wilbraham police will compare surveillance video as soon as they can.

News **06/02/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Holyoke Police say they've taken more illegal guns and drugs off the street. Chief Anthony Scott told 22News, police arrested 27 year old Abel Colon on drug and weapons charges during a traffic stop last night. Chief Scott said Police found crack cocaine, and a semiautomatic rifle hidden in the car. Colon was ordered held on \$25,000 cash bail.

News **06/02/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Two suspects are under arrest in connection with a deadly shooting in Springfield, 19-year-old Anthony Jessup and 21-year-old Jason Stovall were arrested earlier today in connection with the murder of 21 year old Jonathan Santiago. Sgt. John Delaney said police found Stovall hiding in a closet in the bedroom of a Springfield home. Jessup was arrested states away in Virginia during a routine traffic stop. Santiago was shot and killed while he was driving early Sunday on State Street. Police said robbery may have been the motive.

News **06/04/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Only 22News was there when a stabbing suspect was taken into custody in Northampton. 57-year-old Valdore Gagne of Leeds cuffed after he allegedly stabbed another man in the

back on North Main Street. Police found the victim with minor stab wounds on his shoulder; he was taken to Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Eyewitnesses told 22News Gagne and the victim, were fighting for at least ten minutes.

News **06/04/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A well-known Easthampton businessman is now in trouble with the law. Police claim the man who started a performing arts center with his wife, raped one of his underage students. David Oppenheim is now looking to clear his name. The 37 year old spoke with 22News in 2009 about plans for a new performing arts center. But it's his work there that got him to pose for this Easthampton mug shot Wednesday night. The co-founder and director of PACE, a performing arts center on Union Street arrested on several statutory rape charges. In these court papers, police allege he repeatedly raped a female acting student between 2005 and 2007. She was 14 and 15 years old at the time. The Oppenheim's Glendale Street neighbors stunned to hear of the allegations. Police say the alleged victim was raped in Oppenheim's house and at the theater. She claims the suspect told her it was part of her acting lessons and to keep quiet. Speaking to me on the phone Friday, David Oppenheim said he denies the accusations but wouldn't say if he knew the victim. He was arraigned in Northampton and is free on his own recognizance. Oppenheim has been ordered to stay away from the victim, not have any unsupervised contact with children under 16 and is barred from giving private acting lessons. He's due back in court in July.

News **06/08/10** **5am** **: 30**

New this morning, police are still searching for a man who caused a wild car chase through Hampshire County. Northampton police sergeant Alan Borowski told 22News that a man stole a car from Hadley and then crashed it here on Florence Road in Northampton around one this morning. State police K-9 units searched for the man in the nearby woods for a few hours. Police in both towns are still looking for him this morning.

News **06/10/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Holyoke Police are touting the arrest of one the city's 10-most wanted. Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News, police arrested 22 year old Jovanie Martinez Friday. Martinez, number seven on Holyoke's 10 most wanted lists, is a cocaine- trafficking suspect. Chief Scott said he belongs to the Flatbush Criminal Street gang. Martinez was ordered held on \$100,000 cash or \$1,000,000 surety.

News **06/10/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Police are looking for a man who held up a bank in Ludlow this morning. It happened at the Chicopee Savings Bank on Center Street around 10:00 am. According to police, the man handed the teller a note demanding cash. The teller then gave him an undisclosed amount of money in a brown paper bag and the suspect took off on foot. If you have any information about the suspect's identity, you're asked to call Ludlow Police at 413-583-8305.

News **06/11/10** **11pm** **: 30**

He was on Holyoke's top 10 most wanted list less than one day. Holyoke police chief Anthony Scott told 22news, 30 year old Jose Rodriguez turned himself in to court officers yesterday. Rodriguez was ordered held without the right to bail on a pending case from 2009. Rodriguez has been arraigned 25-times in six different courts. Chief Scott says Rodriguez, added to the most wanted list just yesterday will be replaced soon.

News **06/11/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield police say they've taken a "large scale" drug dealer of the streets. Sgt. John Delaney told 22news, police arrested 29 year old Luis Espinosa at "The Inn Place" hotel on Dwight Street. Sgt. Delaney says Espinosa sold kilos of cocaine every week in Springfield. Police confiscated more than two pounds of coke, packaging materials, 3-thousand dollars in cash and a loaded handgun. If convicted on all counts, Espinosa is facing 32 years in prison.

News **06/11/10** **3pm** **: 30**

Holyoke police have added a new name to the City's ten most wanted list. Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22news Jose Alfredo Davila is now one of the city's ten most wanted. Chief Scott is asking you to call Holyoke police at 413-322-6900 if you see this level three sex offender. Scott says Davila is wanted for failing to register as a sex offender. Davila has been arraigned 78 times in the past. He's been convicted of several charges including drug possession and assault and battery on a child.

News **06/11/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A quick thinking Springfield Police detective captured a suspect in a failed bank robbery attempt. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News that a man handed a note to a teller at the Boston Road Bank of Western Massachusetts this afternoon, implying he had a gun. He ran out of the bank without getting any money. A Springfield police officer driving by saw him running from the bank and followed him. The suspect got into a car and police followed him into Ludlow, where he was stopped and arrested. Police also arrested a woman in the car.

News **06/11/10** **6pm** **: 30**

An unusual crime at a local gas station; with a two and a half foot bladed samurai sword. Police say that's what a Springfield man threatened three men with. This is the sword that 36-year-old Norton Norzelin was allegedly wielding at the Phillips 66 Service Station on Russell Street at about 4:30 this morning. Gas station attendants told 22News the suspect was wearing traditional, Japanese garb. Hadley's Police Chief Dennis Huckowitz says the suspect was holding the sword with two hands, pointing the blade at the victims.

News **06/12/10** **6am** **: 30**

Arraignment is set for Monday in North Adams District court for Wayne Brackett the man who allegedly mutilated and killed several pet rabbits. According to a release sent to 22News the 23 year-old is facing several charges including five counts of animal cruelty and five counts of malicious killing of an animal. He is the one reportedly seen on this surveillance video killing the rabbits at the Berkshire County Construction Company in North Adams on Tuesday.

News **06/12/10** **9am** **: 30**

A convenience store clerk is ok this morning hours after being held up at the point of a crossbow. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News a man armed with a crossbow came into the Quick Pic convenience store on Carew Street around 4:30 forced the clerk into a back room and tied his hands with zip ties. The robber got away with the money inside the cash register, no arrests have been made.

News **06/15/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield detectives are looking for a man who robbed a Wilbraham Road Sunoco Station/ convenience store in Sixteen Acres. Springfield Police Sgt. Chris Hitas told 22News the man threatened the clerk with knife and got away with several cartons of cigarettes. No one was hurt.

News **06/15/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield police are looking for help identifying an alleged credit card thief who went on a shopping spree on someone else's tab. Sgt. John Delany told 22news a worker at BayState Medical Center had her wallet stolen from her desk on May 22nd. According to Delany an unidentified woman allegedly used them at a dozen local businesses. She rang up more than \$1,200 dollars in sales. Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect should call the Springfield Detective bureau at 787-6355 or use text-a tip.

News **06/16/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Ludlow police say they accidentally stumbled upon a large amount of marijuana and cash. This morning, police were searching for a fugitive at 65 West Belmont Street. That fugitive wasn't there but police did find 22 pounds of pot valued at \$26,000, \$32,000 in cash, and a Medieval-like mace and ammunition. 30-year-old William Smith of Ludlow faces felony drug possession charges. Detective Sergeant Tom Foye told 22news this is one of the larger marijuana busts he's seen during his time.

News **06/16/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police need your help to catch a family accused of a crime. This is bank surveillance video of the Hispanic couple and their young daughter that police are looking for. Sergeant John Delaney told 22News, that last Sunday; an elderly woman's car was broken into at Marshall Roy Field on St. James Avenue in Springfield. The woman had left her new ATM card with the password written on the envelope. The card was then used at the "ATM"

at the Racing Mart at 1037 St. James Avenue to wipe out the woman's bank account. The video shows the couple giving some stolen money to their daughter. The couple is seen using the card over and over again. If you have any information about these suspects, please call the Springfield Police Department Detective Bureau at 787-6355, or you can also text-a-tip.

News **06/17/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Two men accused of attempted armed robbery in Springfield didn't get very far in their rented get away truck. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, the men were driving a U-Haul rental van with Arizona plates when they tried to rob a man on Gilbert Avenue. The victim called 9-1-1 and officers quickly spotted the orange van. Brandon Brown and Samuel Gomez-Gonzalez have been charged with armed assault with intent to rob.

News **06/17/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police want to know if you recognize a bank robbery suspect. Springfield Detective Teddy Cass told 22News this man robbed the Sumner Avenue TD Bank at around 5:15 tonight. He got away with an unspecified amount of cash. He's didn't hide his identity, and he's a white man in his 20's, average build. If you recognize him, you're asked to call Springfield Detectives at 787-6355 or text-a-tip.

News **06/17/10** **12pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking news in Belchertown, state and local police are investigating a violent crime at the Lord Jeffrey Apartments off North Main Street. Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel told 22News the incident happened early this morning in the parking lot but she wouldn't go into details. What we do know is state police and forensic investigators spent the morning collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses who reported seeing a white middle-aged man bloody and unconscious. The victim was lying in the parking lot this morning before being taken away by ambulance. State Police in Springfield told 22News they've been told to be on the lookout for a Hyundai Elantra which may have been involved in the incident. Its unknown how many people are in the car or if anyone is armed. Two men were taken in by state police while 22News cameras were rolling. Well have more information as soon as it's released.

News **06/18/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Two children are in the state's custody after police arrested their father on suspicion of dealing cocaine with them in the car. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22News, police arrested 38 year old Kevin Wilson after police witnessed several drug deals with his 9 and 10 year old children in the rear seat. A search of Wilson's Cloverdale Street home uncovered 85 grams of cocaine, 3-thousand dollars in cash, and a loaded semi-automatic handgun. Among the charges against Wilson, drug trafficking and risk of injury to a child.

News **06/18/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Text-a-Tip and a can of beer helped Springfield police catch an alleged robber last night. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22news, 27 year old Patrick Lynn of Springfield robbed the TD Bank on Sumner Ave. on Wednesday night. People who saw surveillance photos of the suspect texted tips about the crime to police, then a worker at the Hampden County House of Correction recognized the suspect from the photos and told police who he was. Police arrested Lynn last night when they saw him walking down the street sipping a beer. They charged him with Unarmed Robbery and Violation of the Open Container law.

News **06/18/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Members of the community also helped police catch a man who allegedly tried to commit two robberies last night. Sgt John Delaney told 22news that Anthony Doyle robbed three teens at knifepoint on Bridal Path Road in Springfield late last night. Sgt. Delaney said Doyle then tried to rob a man at the Hampden Bank drive-up ATM on Allen Street. The victims described the suspect and police arrested him in the area minutes later.

News **06/19/10** **6am** **: 30**

A Springfield police officer was able to walk away with minor injuries after being hit by a car early this morning. Officer James Kelly was not seriously injured after a car hit him here on Paramount Street. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer says a group of officers approached a suspicious car that had been sitting in the parking lot of a closed business. That's when police say 20-year-old Joshua Cayo of Chicopee floored it and struck Officer Kelly. Kelly hit the hood, slammed into the windshield and fell off the side of the car. Police later spotted Cayo's car a few miles away and he was arrested for attempted murder. Kelly has already been released from Bay State Hospital. Police are still investigating why Cayo fled the scene.

News **06/20/10** **11pm** **: 30**

The victim of a Springfield home invasion early this morning was targeted after he allegedly had been growing marijuana on the third floor. Springfield police Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News; they arrested 19 year old Frank Cincotta at his home at 108 Commonwealth Avenue. The men who broke into the house managed to get away. One of them was reportedly armed with a gun wrapped in a towel.

News **06/21/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Southwick police are warning grandparents not to fall victim to scammers disguising themselves on the phone as needy grandchildren. Authorities have been fielding many complaints of elderly fraud. The phony phone calls are coming from thieves pretending to be family members asking for a lot of money to be bailed out of jail or other emergencies. Senior citizens say they have their guard up.

News **06/21/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A Palmer man is behind bars tonight after Springfield police picked him up for a double stabbing in his home-town. Sgt. Scott Haley told 22News, 28 year old Jamie Vermes pulled out a knife during a fight in front of the Wile Coyote Hotel in Three Rivers around 1:30 this morning. He allegedly seriously wounded a 45 year old man and 24 year old woman suffered a laceration.

News **06/23/10** **11pm** **: 30**

We begin with breaking News out of Chicopee tonight, where police want your help finding a man accused of killing his baby son. An arrest warrant was issued today for 25 year old Edwin Goitia, Junior. Chicopee Police detective Scott Lynch told 22News that a grand jury indicted Goitia for murder today, and that when police went to his Elcon Drive home to arrest him, he was gone. Sgt. Lynch told 22News the victim was Goitia's six month old son, who was killed last July. If you have any information, you're asked to call Chicopee Police at 592-6341.

News **06/23/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police have arrested a man they believe is responsible for stealing more than two dozen Honda Accords and Civics over the past week. After talking to witnesses and getting fingerprints police arrested 32 year-old Ricardo Morales of Springfield. According to a news release sent to 22News from Sgt. John Delaney, Morales is only charged with stealing four of the vehicles, but police hope to connect him to some of the other thefts. In most cases, the car was dumped just a few blocks away and only the radio was stolen.

News **06/25/10** **12pm** **: 30**

Three suspected tire thieves were caught by police trying to drive off with the stolen wheels after allegedly stripping them off cars at Balise Honda. The entire incident was caught on tape. Sgt. Thomas Wilkinson told 22News it was Springfield police who made a traffic stop in Indian Orchard early Thursday morning and noticed four brand new tires in tow. West Springfield Police then went to Balise Honda at 400 Riverdale Street to investigate. That's when they noticed three cars were missing a combined eight tires, totaling over \$8,000. Four tires were missing off an Accord, three tires were off an Insight, and one tire was missing off another Insight. The alleged thieves were only able to take four tires at a time, so police said they hid four of the tires near the dealership and planned to come back for them later.

News **06/26/10** **6am** **: 30**

Police in Holyoke are still on the search for suspects this morning following a nighttime shooting that wounded one man. Police are still trying to figure out what happened here on South Bridge and Hamilton Streets. Police told 22News they received a call late last night about shots fired. Minutes later, they received a call from a 39-year-old man who said he was shot. Police don't have too much information right now, because the unidentified victim

had to be rushed to BayState Medical Center. If you have any information, you're asked to contact the Holyoke Police.

News **06/27/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield Police Sgt. Richard Labelle Junior was at the right place at the right time to help a robbery and pistol whipping victim recover his money. Police Lt. Robert Moynihan told 22News, Labelle was on routine patrol in the entertainment district downtown, when he spotted three men beating and robbing the victim. A car chase ended on Pearl Street within sight of police headquarters. 23 year old Steven Salazar of Hartford allegedly tossed his gun out the car window during the chase. Labelle charged him with armed robbery and illegally having a gun. The victim who was pistol whipped needed to be treated at the emergency room.

News **06/28/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Around 7:30 this evening a man was stabbed in the left arm near the intersection of Mill Street and Locust Street in Springfield. Sgt. Hitas told 22News that the victim would not cooperate with police. They have no leads on who may have stabbed him. But, his injuries are not life threatening.

News **06/28/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A woman suspected of robbing an East Longmeadow Bank was quickly arrested as she tried to make her get away on a PVTA bus. Sgt. Robert Driscoll told 22News Anne Houle of Springfield was arrested shortly 10:00 this morning. She is accused of holding up the Bank of America branch on North Main Street. Driscoll told 22News Houle allegedly passed the teller a note that said she had a gun and wanted money. She made off with the cash. But Driscoll said Houle was easy for police to spot. She was wearing green shirt, green shorts and carrying a green bag, and trying to board a PVTA bus.

News **06/28/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Springfield police busted a major drug ring that was allegedly selling heroin across Western Mass. The bust led to four arrests. According to Sgt John Delaney, the ring leader was 23 year old Douglas Denmark of Springfield. His 24 year old brother Matthew and two others were also arrested Friday. Delaney told 22news police confiscated more than one-thousand bags of heroin at their alleged safe house at 412 St. James Avenue.

News **06/29/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Holyoke police say they've taken several illegal firearms off the streets. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22news, since June 1st, detectives have confiscated eight guns, one with a silencer and a stun gun. The five people arrested include one Holyoke man and four others from North Adams. Chief Scott said the suspects have 92 separate arraignments for varying violent crimes.

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A fugitive sex offender from Springfield is in custody tonight after leading authorities on a manhunt to North Dakota. In a release sent to 22News, the U.S. Marshals service said 40-year-old Michael Wright was arrested while attempting to board an Amtrak train in Fargo. Wright has multiple warrants from Massachusetts including one for indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of fourteen. He is currently detained in Fargo and waiting rendition back to Massachusetts.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Education during the 2nd quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/09/10 12pm : 30

State officials say 6% of Massachusetts high school seniors have yet to pass the science portion of the MCAS exam with less than two months to go before graduations. This year is the first year that students are required to pass the science portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test to earn a high school diploma. About 4,100 seniors have one last chance, next Wednesday.

News 04/14/10 5pm : 30

High school students across the state who failed the science portion of the MCAS test re-took the test today. It's a scene playing out in high schools across the state. 6% of 12th graders still haven't passed the science part of the exam. Tutors say there is so much pressure on students that anxiety is part of the reason they fail. Thousands of students trying to beat the odds before the odds beat them.

News 04/14/10 5:30pm : 30

A new high school could soon serve students in the Longmeadow, that's if town property owners agree to pick up the tab. The state has approved the project; the school has received a hefty grant now the fate of the facility is in the hands of the taxpayers. 1,020 students roam the halls of Longmeadow High School. School officials say if these walls could talk they'd tell a story that would frighten parents. Built in 1957 the school was a state of the art facility now it's falling apart. These braces on the side of the building are the solution to a shifting wall that's moved two inches off the foundation. In addition, classrooms are too small, cracks plague the walls, and there are major security concerns. The new school comes with a \$78,000,000 price tag. They've received a \$34,000,000 grant, the other \$44,000,000 coming from taxpayers wallets. While there are many that are all for it, there's portion that aren't. A town meeting will be held on May 25, residents will vote on the issue June 8th.

News 05/07/10 12pm : 30

The University of Massachusetts flagship campus received a record 31,300 applicants for next fall's freshman class and expects to admit its most accomplished academic class ever. Officials on the Amherst campus say they have received deposits from more than 1,200 out-of-state students compared to about 800 last year. Those additional out-of-state students are expected to bring in an additional \$3 million in revenue. The university also expects to admit at least 3,100 in-state students. The preliminary freshman profile shows an average SAT

score of 1170 and a high school GPA of 3.6, slightly better than last year's freshman class. Chancellor Robert Holub says the numbers are in line with efforts to raise the school's profile.

News **05/13/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The Superintendent of schools in Springfield plans to ask the School Committee for a bigger budget for fiscal 2011. This evening at Springfield City Hall, Superintendent of Schools in Springfield, Dr. Alan Ingram is asking the school committee to adopt a school department budget that overcomes a \$16,000,000 deficit while protecting classroom funding and class size. Dr. Ingram's proposed \$310,000,000 fiscal year 2011 budget emphasizes the school district's mission to improve student achievement and represents a two percent increase from the fiscal year 2010 adopted budget. The budget recommendation increases student allotment to schools from \$75 to \$85 per student, supplying principals with extra money to address classroom needs. The budget also includes funding for an initiative that reinstates middle school sports, enhances reading enrichment programs and sustains all costs related to student safety and security. The recommended budget also preserves classroom teachers and protects class size.

News **05/14/10** **11pm** **: 30**

It will take more than \$400,000,000 to run the Springfield school district and with about 26,000 students the superintendent says the department is doing the best they can with that they've got. The new budget increases spending by 3.9% but there were cuts to be had with about 15 positions being eliminated in the districts central office and other items trimmed out completely. The Springfield school budget is nearly a 200 page document and Superintendent Alan Ingram told 22news he's most proud that the final product eliminates the \$16,000,000 deficit, but at the same time adds school safety and security, preserves teacher's jobs and protects classroom sizes. Up until now, for the past few years, in order to finance middle school sports the district had to take contributions from the community and use volunteers that ended, with full funding for middle school athletics. School committee member Antonette Pepe had the lone 'no' vote for the fiscal year 2011 budget she highlighted several items that were of concern. And we right now are in negotiations with teachers and we want to keep teachers and we want highly qualified teachers, and to ensure that, I think we need money to do that money to get them and keep them.

News **05/19/10** **11pm** **: 30**

The city of Easthampton will be getting a new high school. City Clerk Barbara Labombard told 22News, residents overwhelmingly approved a debt exclusion to fund a new high school. The margin of victory was almost three to one, with 37% voter turnout. With the signs of support all over Easthampton, this outcome came as no surprise.

News **05/20/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

It's a big test that leads to lots of stress for students, parents, and teachers. But now there are plans to replace the MCAS test with a new exam. Taking the MCAS test is still one of the

most stressful times of the school year for families. Now, plans are in the works to replace the high stakes standardized test with a national exam something that doesn't sit well with parents. That's because, according to a report in the Boston Globe, there is concern national standards for the test would be lower than state standards, which are the highest in the nation. The new test would still include math and science and 3rd, 8th and 10th graders would still be tested, but 9th and 11th graders might be required to take the exam as well. In March, the state failed to win federal 'race to the top' funds something that required a number of education reforms, including adopting national testing standards. The state board of elementary and secondary education will vote on whether to adopt the new standards this summer.

News **05/25/10** **5pm** **: 30**

An embattled charter school in Springfield is slated to close for good next month after losing an appeal before the state Board of Education. The board originally voted in January to revoke the charter of the Robert M. Hughes Academy after an investigation for cheating during last year's MCAS exams. Since then parents and board members have worked on a plan to keep the school open. The Academy has 180 students in kindergarten through 8th grade and will now close June 17th. School officials are expected to file a lawsuit challenging the closing.

News **05/26/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Longmeadow Taxpayers have decided to put a \$78,000,000 school construction project to a town-wide vote next month. Thousands turned out at last night's special town meeting, and they overwhelmingly decided to put the question on the ballot. If voters approve a proposition 2 1/2 override next month, the average homeowners' tax bill would increase by about \$400 per year. The issue's divided the town.

News **05/28/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Thousands of Massachusetts high school seniors are in jeopardy of not graduating this year. State education officials say nearly 3,000 high school seniors from across the state will not get their diplomas next month because they have not yet passed the MCAS science exam. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education says the students unable to earn diplomas represent about four percent of this year's public school senior class.

News **06/14/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Students in Springfield are learning the importance of going green. Fourteen of Springfield's schools were honored for initiating a paper recycling program in their schools. City wide, the schools collect over a ton of paper and cardboard a day. Students say everyone was enthusiastic about supporting the program.

News **06/18/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The Robert M. Hughes Academy Charter School can keep its doors open for another month. A group from the school headed to Boston today to seek an injunction to stay open while their appeal continues. The State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education revoked the school's charter amid an MCAS cheating scandal in January forcing them to close on June 30th. The school now has until July 31st. The hearing to determine whether they won their appeal will be held July 1st in Suffolk County Superior Court.

News **06/21/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Tonight could be an important night for Agawam teachers, students and parents. The Agawam School Budget Sub-committee will meet tonight to discuss the town council's proposal to cut \$1,000,000 from education. Bob Janik, the president of the Agawam education association told 22news he has 'serious concerns' about the future of vacant teaching positions, and other programs if the schools had to operate with less. The head of the sub-committee Jill Simpson told 22news, she will vote 'no' to the school budget cuts if it comes to that. Depending on what the subcommittee recommends, the town council will make a decision on the matter tonight.

News **06/21/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Many Franklin County schools still have a few days of classes left, while many pioneer valley classrooms have already emptied out. Franklin County towns were hit with two powerful storms that caused more damage here, than the rest of the valley. School was canceled on those days, and now schools are catching up. Both Greenfield and Pioneer regional schools for example have two more days. They're half days. Parents and students say they were ready for summer. Some say they wished the extra days, so late in the year, didn't have to be made up.

News **06/21/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield School Department employees are moving into their new home at the former federal building downtown. School department personnel can't wait to complete the move out of their longtime offices on State Street and into the air conditioned 1550 Main Street building. The old school department building on State Street had no air conditioning.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Environment during the 2nd quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/09/10 5pm : 30

Here in Western Massachusetts and all across the country this is shaping up as a "monster" allergy season. And it's coming earlier than usual due to the extremely warm weather and rain. Pollen counts locally have been high as they are in other parts of the country. The culprit right now: tree pollen. And local allergy sufferers say its pure misery. Doctor's say if you're suffering allergy symptoms many over-the-counter medicines provide relief. If those don't work contact your health care professional.

News 04/19/10 5pm : 30

Earth Day is this Thursday. Being green is very popular right now, but experts say it's something that's vital to protecting the earth's resources and it can also save you money. You've heard the phrase Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and it sounds easy but sometimes knowing what to recycle can be confusing. Beer bottles are usually made of glass which is recyclable so are metal cans, cardboard containers, and plastic bottles, jars, and tubs. There's a store in Springfield that makes the reuse part easy. It's called Restore, there you can donate home appliances and fixtures for tax credits or buy them cheap. They also have a website called restoreonline.org. You can also make your home more energy efficient. It'll save you some money and help out the environment. All you have to do is contact Mass Save and they will actually send out an auditor to your home to give you a free energy assessment. An energy specialist will come to your home and go to your basement, your attic, check your walls for insulation and unnecessary air leaks. They'll also give you free energy efficient light blubs and shower heads which will help you check off your third R, Reduce. And if you want more information on Mass Save or on Restore you can go on to our website at wwlp.com for a link to their websites.

News 04/20/10 5am : 30

Early spring heat has farmers on the lookout for damage to some of their crops. High temperatures, one day in the 80's have caused the peach trees at Clarkes Dale farm, to explode with color. The same goes for their apple, and cherry orchards. The peach trees can withstand some low temperatures. But if it hits 29 degrees, they'll be in trouble.

News 04/22/10 6pm : 30

It's been 40 years since the first Earth Day. So have people really changed their treatment of the environment? In the past, it was not uncommon for people to dump toxic liquids into

storm drains and throw litter from their cars. People 22News spoke with say they don't see that type of behavior. They say the biggest change has been recycling.

News **04/23/10** **6pm** **: 30**

It will be the first solar farm of its kind in the state. 22News reporter Shane Symolon joins us live with the details on how Greenfield is turning their old landfill into a hub of solar electricity. The town announced today that Axio Energy will be the company to put in a 20 acre, 2 megawatt solar farm. It will be the largest solar farm in the state. Greenfield Mayor Bill Martin says they weren't sure what would happen when they put the project out to bid, but several were interested. He says it's good for the town not only because it's Green, but because they'll get reduced rates for electricity from the farm for the next 20 years.

News **04/28/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

From an unusually warm spring to a chill in the air, the cold and the wind a surprise to some and causing damage for some, in yards, and in gardens. Dropping temperatures, and high winds. In Springfield, winter coats reappeared, hoodies covered peoples heads. At Sixteen Acres Garden Center, sensitive plants have warning labels near them. What was unusual, was the warm weeks leading up to this cool down, when many began their Spring plans.

News **05/04/10** **6pm** **: 30**

The fierce winds caused plenty of damage throughout western Massachusetts. Greenfield police say they don't have any reports of injuries, and that there weren't any car accidents, but the extreme weather did cause damage all over Franklin County. Within 10 minutes the sky went dark, and about 25 minutes of high winds and heavy rains bent trees and caught many off guard. That broke branches and brought down trees around the county. Several trees fell down blocking roads such as Pierce Street in Greenfield. Authorities had to close down several streets because of lines down. Other homes lost power as trees toppled lines, especially lines leading to homes. 22News has heard reports of trees down from places like Deerfield, Colrain, and Shelburne. Right now police, fire and the department of public works is out still assessing the damage. They're still trying to open up a few roads. One important warning from some firefighters at one of the sites, stay away from downed lines, don't walk on your yard if there's one laying there. They could still be live. They're also asking people to obey road signs that roads are closed.

News **05/18/10** **11pm** **: 30**

The town of Agawam is looking to go green. A public information session was held at the Agawam middle school tonight for local builders and property owners, to learn more about the "stretch code." The stretch code is an amendment to the building code to make new buildings energy efficient. The chairman of the Agawam energy commission told 22news, adopting the stretch code will save taxpayers money.

News **05/19/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Local forests are disappearing. That's according to a report released today by Harvard Forest. For the first time in two centuries, all New England states are experiencing a decline. The recent loss of trees was caused primarily by land development. Clear cutting can endanger watershed, wildlife, and natural resources. The report called for the protection of 70% of New England wooded areas.

News **05/24/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Most Massachusetts residents support the clean energy and climate bill. That's the result of one poll by "We can Lead." That poll showed that 65% of Massachusetts voters supported the new legislation. 80% of state voters said they wanted both green job creation and less dependence on foreign oil. More than half of the voters in Massachusetts, Maine, and Florida said the Gulf oil spill made them favor the bill more.

News **05/27/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Wild weather left a trail of damage across Western Massachusetts. One of the hardest hit places overnight was Franklin County. Greenfield is in a state of emergency this morning. Deputy Director of emergency management Brickett Allis told 22news that because of several trees and power lines down all residents are being asked to stay inside until further notice. More than 35 streets in the town are closed and all schools will be closed today. Only emergency traffic is allowed on the roads. Eighteen tree crews are working from the Massachusetts Turnpike, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. For information, residents can call the emergency hotline at 774-3287.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Health-Smoking during the 2nd quarter 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/01/10 11pm : 30

Business owners across the country are looking to Massachusetts for hints of what the new health care law will bring. Massachusetts has a state law that offered a blueprint for the national overhaul. The national law hits employers with 50 or more workers with fees if the government subsidizes their workers' coverage. That fee is \$2,000 per employee. Some Massachusetts business owners have grumbled about the law, but there's little evidence that it's forced any businesses there to close.

News 04/14/10 11pm : 30

One of Western Massachusetts' largest Health Maintenance Organizations today appealed the State Division of Insurance denial of their request for rate increases. Health New England President and CEO Peter Straley told 22News that the higher, disallowed rates are already in effect as of April 1st. He says until the appeals process plays out, H-N-E and other insurers will charge last year's rates, translating into operating at a loss and market confusion.

News 04/17/10 6pm : 30

Bay Staters in Boston could be undoing of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Just weeks after the president signed the controversial legislation into law, a group that calls itself Revere America, will begin a petition drive tomorrow afternoon at the Paul Revere Mall in Boston's North End. Organizers hope the petition drive is only the first step toward repealing the health care law.

News 04/20/10 5:30pm : 30

Despite a movement to loosen pot laws in Massachusetts and several states across the country, most Americans oppose the legalization of marijuana. 55% of the people surveyed for an AP-Poll oppose complete legalization of marijuana. One third says it's a good idea. But most people support "medical" marijuana. 60% say people with serious illnesses should be allowed to use it to help ease their suffering.

News 04/23/10 5pm : 30

The healthcare overhaul law is getting mixed reviews from neutral experts. Economic experts at the Health and Human Services Department found that more Americans will be covered, but costs will go up. The analysis also found that the law falls short of the president's goals of

controlling runaway costs, rising projected spending by about 1% over 10 years, and the report warned that increase could get bigger.

News **04/28/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A new study reveals, Bay State residents are at odds when it comes to support for the national health care reform recently enacted. That sentiment transcends state lines; other residents are wary of the President's new national plan. 45% of Massachusetts residents feel the same way according to a new Western New England College poll; while 46% back the legislation.

News **05/13/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Smokers might soon get a startling reminder of what cigarettes can do to their bodies. It's an extreme measure aimed at getting people to kick the habit. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is proposing a campaign to display explicit photos, of diseased lungs, damaged brains and stained teeth to show what tobacco can do to your health. The proposal will need to be approved by the State Public Health Council which meets this August.

News **06/01/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A new smoking ban went into effect in Amherst today. You can still smoke on sidewalks and streets but you can't smoke at an outdoor patio at a restaurant; and that's something that's upsetting some business owners. Amherst is cracking down on smoking. It's now illegal to smoke anywhere an employee could be exposed to second-hand smoke. And if they do they'll be fined up to \$300. But if you wanted to smoke at a patio that doesn't have table service you can smoke all you want. That's because the regulation's goal is to protect employees. This ban was approved back in April of last year but today is the first day it's being put into use.

News **06/02/10** **5pm** **: 30**

Rolling tobacco could soon cost you more. Public health officials say a tobacco tax loophole in President Barack Obama's children's health insurance program is costing the U.S. Treasury more than \$250 million a year. The loophole allows companies to avoid huge tax increases on rolling tobacco by labeling it as pipe tobacco. The marketing twist lets companies pay less than \$3 a pound in taxes, rather than nearly \$25 a pound.

News **06/04/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Smokers will soon be faced with some colorful changes when picking out their preferred cigarettes. It's the latest attempt to get smokers to put out their addicting habit once and for all. The US Food and Drug Administration is banning cigarette companies from printing the words, light, medium or mild on their packaging because they think smokers wrongly think those are less-harmful than full-flavor cigarettes. Packing will be color-coated instead. But

there are some smokers who admit they're not buying for the label. The new color-coated labels will hit the shelves at the end of this month.

News **06/11/10** **5pm** **: 30**

A push to close the healthcare gap among men of color in Springfield gets a financial boost. Black and Latino men suffer from higher rates of diabetes, heart disease, obesity and a slew of other health problems than their white counterparts. A group called the Men of Color Health Awareness or MOCHA received a \$250,000 grant to develop programs to end the disparity.

News **06/14/10** **11pm** **: 30**

A group of Springfield teens is working to bring awareness to O-T-P'S or "other tobacco products." The group walked through the city's south end tonight, stopping at different tobacco retailers along the way. With the increases in cigarette costs, the group says youth are being drawn to alternative tobacco products that are a fraction of the cost.

News **06/22/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

The Federal Drug administration is taking heat from anti-smoking advocates here in Western Massachusetts. The FDA's been accused of dragging its feet instead of taking more aggressive steps to help reduce deaths from smoking. Noble Hospital Respiratory Therapist Jeff Williams helps patients quit smoking in Westfield. Williams wants the FDA to help him do his job.

News **06/25/10** **11pm** **: 30**

During debate today, the state senate voted to ban smoking in casinos if and when they become legal here in Massachusetts. In a 24-15 vote, the senate opted to remove a portion of the bill that would have allowed casinos to set aside up to a quarter of their gambling floor as a smoking section choosing instead to go totally smoke free. Smoking in casinos; you can do it in designated areas at both Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun in Connecticut but if casino gaming is legalized in the Bay State, and the final piece of legislation ends up looks like the senates' version of the bill there will be a ban on smoking at Massachusetts casinos. Critics say Massachusetts casinos would lose revenue to Connecticut if the final bill bans. Although most of the people 22news spoke with say they're perfectly fine with smoke free casinos in Massachusetts if they eventually become legal, others say, they're sick and tired of going outside to the sidewalk for their cigarette in the rain, or snow or heat and that casinos are the one last place they can go to have a smoke indoors. A study commissioned by the senate to look at potential revenues from casinos in Mass found that three slot machine parlors in Delaware immediately lost more than 11% revenue after the state banned smoking but that in the years that followed, revenues did rebound.

News **06/29/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Springfield's tobacco free community partnership says teen smoking is down, but kids are finding new ways to get nicotine. The program's director says there are plenty of tobacco products that are cheaper than cigarettes and often times contain more nicotine. What's worse, many are easier to hide.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Jobs during the 2nd quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

News 04/02/10 6pm : 30

Employment numbers show workers are seeing the Country's largest job gain in three years. In March the economy saw its largest job gain since the economy began to falter. However many say those numbers can be deceiving. The labor department says employers added 162,000 jobs across the country in March. One reason, 48,000 of the new jobs added in March went to temporary census workers. Future Works in Springfield says we see something similar in our area, when big employers like Six Flags hire temporary workers. Western Mass is lagging behind the national economy's job gains, what this area needs is the right jobs. The good news, it was the third month of gains for many of the sectors that were adding jobs.

News 04/04/10 11pm : 30

Massachusetts residents who lost work as a result of the damage and flooding caused by the storm of March 12-14 could be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance. Governor Deval Patrick says that people from flooded counties who were permanently or temporarily thrown out of work by that storm can apply for the aid. You may be eligible if you could not work or lost pay because your place of employment was damaged or destroyed; if you could not get to your jobs because of travel restrictions caused by the storm; or if you were injured because of the storm. The deadline to apply is May 3.

News 04/20/10 6pm : 30

Teenagers in Holyoke will be busy working this summer. The city of Holyoke will hire 61 young adults from the ages of 14 to 21 for their youth works summer program. 150 applications were available at city hall today.

News 04/22/10 5:30pm : 30

Jobless benefits claims fell sharply last week. The Labor Department says claims fell by 24,000 to 456,000. The drop comes after claims rose dramatically in the previous two weeks. Economists say this means employers are cutting fewer workers and the economy is recovering.

News 05/07/10 5:30pm : 30

Good news on the job front businesses hired 290,000 workers last month. The Labor Department says nearly 10% of Americans are still searching for work. Now, employers are starting to hire again in a lot of different sectors. Here in Career Point, many people say they are willing to do anything to find a job. One thing they're planning to do is go back to school.

Career Point's Bud Delphin says you have to be prepared: research the company, put together a solid resume, and prepare for your interview. On May 20th there will be a career fair at Holyoke Heritage State Park at 2:30pm until 4:30pm.

News **05/11/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Local teenagers might not get help this season from a program that pays them to work local jobs. The summer youth employment program works by helping businesses and towns pay for summer jobs. However this year, the federal money may not be coming. Last year as part of the stimulus package there was funding for 300 jobs. This year they only have enough money for 40 to 60 people. Most of the high school students agree that not having a job will mean a rough summer. Hoping something changes by the time school ends in a few weeks. Some state programs like one announced by Attorney General Martha Coakley yesterday will help, but may end up only being a drop in the bucket.

News **05/18/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Many college seniors are celebrating the end of four years of hard work as they get ready for graduation. But some still don't have a job. While some students plan to go to graduate school or wait until the end of the summer to get a job, those who need something now could be in luck. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, there is about a 5% increase in employment opportunities for recent grads over the last year. In this day and age, surfing the internet or getting your resume out online is certainly a good way to get your name out there, but the best way to increase your chances of actually getting a job is to network. And, once you land the interview Joanna Miles from the Career Development Center at Mt. Holyoke says there are two key things to remember. The two best things you can do is to be assertive and not be afraid to say you are good at something a lot of times we tend not to be confident and give specific examples to back it up. Then fingers crossed that you get the offer that's right for you.

News **05/19/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

Teens might run into some difficulty finding a summer job. Getting a summer job is no easy task for teens. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, teen unemployment rose from 10% in 2007 to over 25% in 2010. Kevin Lynn is the director of Future Works career center and says things aren't getting any better for teens. For teens who still have not found work, they might have to resort to going out on their own mowing lawns, trimming hedges or babysitting in order to make money. Things that aren't considered real jobs but give you an income stream.

News **05/21/10** **6pm** **: 30**

A local employment board is receiving a monetary reward in the form of increased funds from the state. They received the cash as part of an incentive reward for being what the state calls a "high performing board." Patricia Crosby, the executive director of the board, said they want to put money towards increasing their staff so they can provide more help to those

trying to get a job. They're also working on a program that helps those in Hampshire County get the same services they would if there was a community college in the area. They're also trying to make up for funding losses in youth services.

News **05/22/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Do you know someone between the ages of 14 -24 who is looking for a work? Finding a job is difficult especially if you're a teen. Hundreds of local youth flocked to the Eastfield Mall on Saturday to take advantage of this job fair created just for them. Six area businesses including Sears, Friendly's, Marshalls, Big Y, Success Temps and Six Flags were on hand to offer up advice and in some cases a job. Employers are paying close attention everything from your personality to your personal hygiene count.

News **05/26/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Most of the state saw a slight decrease in the unemployment rate last month. It increased in areas that have a lot of colleges: Amherst and Boston. According to the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, this slight increase in unemployment was because of the number of individuals entering and re-entering the labor market.

News **06/08/10** **11pm** **: 30**

2,300 signatures were delivered to the House in Boston to bring jobs into Western Massachusetts. People who signed the petition support a resort-style casino in the four counties. Just last week, two companies in Palmer shut down, losing nearly a hundred jobs. The Pioneer Valley Jobs Coalition wants to bring at least one resort-style casino to the region.

News **06/08/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Some encouraging figures for local job seekers tonight, a new report out by Manpower Incorporated finds Springfield area employers are expected to hire at a steady pace from July to September. During that time it's predicted 17% of companies will be hiring with only 7% planning to reduce their payroll.

News **06/10/10** **5pm** **: 30**

New claims for jobless benefits fell for the third straight week nationwide. The numbers suggest that more unemployed workers may be finding work. The executive director of the Future Works Career Center said there were 19,000 new jobs in Massachusetts last month and certain sectors are hiring.

News **06/15/10** **5:30pm** **: 30**

A heads-up if you're working part-time, and receiving unemployment, you could lose some of your benefits. The Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development will allow you

make up to a third of your benefits in a part-time job. If you make \$300 a week, you can work part time making \$100 a week and not lose any of your benefits. However from a combination of losing job, and coming up on the year anniversary of your benefits, they may re-calculate what you're receiving based on your part time pay.

News **06/15/10** **6pm** **: 30**

More than 100 positions were eliminated today from the Sisters of Providence Health System many of them at Mercy Medical Center. But although dozens have lost their jobs, the operational changes have opened up dozens of new ones. Faced with a \$14,000,000 budget deficit, the Sisters of Providence Health System is making changes. 163 people lost their jobs Tuesday, others will forgo raises. But, as dozens learned their jobs were eliminated, dozens of new jobs have been slowly appearing on the Sisters of Providence Health System website: Unit Assistant positions full time, part time or per-diem. Although job descriptions are very similar to those of a patient care tech, Hospital Administrator Mark Fulco told 22News although the pay is comparable, these positions will require a higher skill set and involve more responsibility. Those who lost their jobs would have to re-apply. The layoffs happen just months after Mercy Medical Center agreed to pay nearly \$3,000,000 for allegedly filing false Medicare claims. But Fulco said the re-organization efforts are based on current patient volume and have no connection to that settlement.

News **06/18/10** **11pm** **: 30**

Skilled tradesmen and women throughout western Massachusetts are saying why not put a casino in Palmer? Painters, plumbers and property owners were among the hundreds holding a rally to support casino jobs in Palmer at the Basketball Hall of Fame. A local Union leader says putting a resort-style casino in Palmer would go a long way toward putting thousands of people to work.

News **06/18/10** **6pm** **: 30**

It's good news for the Massachusetts job market. For the fourth straight month that the state has added new jobs, nearly 16,000 in May alone. That's good news for businesses that rely on working people to have the money to pick up that extra treat everyday.

News **06/22/10** **6pm** **: 30**

Dozens of workforce leaders from across the state gathered today to create a common vision for job creation. Job creation remains a weak spot in the Massachusetts economy. An estimated 150,000 people in the state have been out of work for more than 6 months 100,000 have been out of work for more than a year. In the last couple of months there has been some good news the state has begun to add jobs but some of those new jobs are not permanent. Governor Deval Patrick told 22News he feels innovation jobs in the life sciences, healthcare, education and alternative energy will get the state out of the recession the fastest. In the meantime these leaders say it's important for those looking for a job to continue to

network and brush up their skills as much as possible. Baystate Medical Center was honored today with the Employer of the Year Award for their proactive efforts to create jobs.

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Millions of people who rely on unemployment checks could be left empty-handed if Senate republicans get their way. Republicans blocked the passage of a bill that among several things would have extended benefits for those people still out of work. Some people have already stopped getting checks that number will only go up if nothing is done. The emergency jobless benefits program expired June 2nd, and senate republicans blocked the vote to extend it saying its \$35 billion dollars too expensive. The executive director of Career Point told 22News, because of this vote, about 10,000 people in Massachusetts will lose their benefits. The press secretary said the White House will continue to push this legislation. There's even talk of removing the unemployment benefits from the big bill to pass it separately.

